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Former CIA Clerk Denies Selling Secret to Soviets

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) — Former CIA clerk William Kampiles says he convinced a Soviet official named "Michael" that he could steal classified documents at will but denied that he actually sold him a top-secret satellite manual.

Kampiles, 23, testified at his federal court trial yesterday that he passed no information to the official he identified several times only as "Michael."

The government has accused Kampiles of stealing a copy of a technical manual for the KH-11 satellite surveillance system, which monitors foreign troop and equipment movements by photographing them from outer space. The government said he sold the manual to a Soviet embassy official during a trip to Greece earlier this year.

Kampiles, who had worked for the CIA from March to November 1977, said he was in Athens in February and March visiting relatives, and that he had four meetings with Michael.

He said he convinced the official that he still worked for the CIA, that he had access to top-secret material and that he would steal it for the Soviets.

The defense contends that Kampiles hoped the CIA would rehire him as a double agent if he fooled the Russians into thinking he was on their side.

Throughout the trial, questions have been raised about the CIA's internal security. Defense attorney Michael Monico read a letter yesterday from Theodore Anderson, acting chief of the special security center of the CIA. The letter, dated Nov. 1, 1978, and addressed to the director of security, says 16 of 349 copies of the satellite manual are unaccounted for, including 13 assigned to the CIA.

FBI agents have said that Kampiles confessed that he gave Michael the manual and was paid \$3,000. But Kampiles' lawyer contends his client was coerced into confessing.